

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. through 36. Cancelled

37. (Currently Amended) A modular container system comprising:

a container having a door mounted for sliding reciprocation along a substantially horizontal path between opened and closed positions when the container is substantially upright; and

a carrier comprising a body receiving the container and an arm coupled to said body for reciprocal extension along a longitudinal axis of said arm between an extended position and a retracted position with respect to said body, said axis of said arm being oriented substantially parallel to said path of said door of said container, said arm engaging said door of said container, and said reciprocal extension of said arm reciprocating said door of said container along said path between said opened and closed positions.

38. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 37 wherein said carrier further comprises a flexible member coupled to said arm, wherein said arm is reciprocally extended or retracted along said axis by a tension applied to said flexible member.

39. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 37 wherein said carrier further comprises a biasing member coupled to said arm to bias said arm toward said extended position or said retracted position, wherein said arm is reciprocally extended or retracted along said axis against said bias of said biasing member.

40. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 39 wherein said biasing member comprises a spring.

41. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 40 wherein said arm is biased by said biasing member toward said extended position.

42. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 38 wherein said flexible member comprises a cable.

43. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 42 wherein said carrier further comprises a lever pivotally coupled to said body, wherein tension is applied to said flexible member by actuation of said lever.

44. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 43 wherein said carrier further comprises a locking bracket coupled to said body for reciprocation between a locked position, wherein said locking bracket prevents said lever from pivoting to open said door of said container, and an unlocked position, wherein said lever may pivot to open said door of said container.

45. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 44 wherein the body of said carrier further comprises a body portion configured to support said container and a hood pivotally coupled to said body portion to pivot between a closed position wherein said hood restrains said container within said body portion and an open position wherein said container may be removed from said body portion.

46. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 45 wherein said carrier further comprises a lock positioned for locking said hood in said closed position with respect to said body portion.

47. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 46 wherein said lock is lockable and unlockable by use of a key.

48. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 45 wherein said arm extends from said hood for reciprocal movement with respect to said hood.

49. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 45 wherein said carrier further comprises a biasing member coupled to said arm and to said hood to bias said arm toward said extended position or said retracted position with respect to said hood, wherein said arm is reciprocally extended or retracted along said axis against said bias of said biasing member.

50. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 37 wherein said carrier further comprises a locking member for locking said arm in said retracted position.

51. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 50 wherein said arm has a shoulder portion which is engaged by said locking member to lock said arm in said retracted position.

52. (Previously presented) The container system of claim 51 wherein said locking member is coupled to said body for reciprocal movement between an engaged position in which said arm is locked in said retracted position and a disengaged position in which said arm is free to move between said extended and retracted positions.

53. through 59. Cancelled

60. (Previously presented) A container system comprising:
a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions; and

a carrier holding said container, said carrier comprising:
a body portion at least partially defining a cavity receiving said container;
a hood portion coupled to the body portion and extending over at least a portion of said container; and
an arm coupled to said hood for reciprocal movement with respect to said hood, said arm engaging said door of said container, and said reciprocal movement of said arm reciprocating said door of said container between said opened and closed positions.

61. through 71. Cancelled

72. (Previously presented) A container system comprising:
a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions; and

a carrier holding said container, said carrier having:

a body portion at least partially defining a cavity receiving the container;

a hood coupled to the body portion and extending over at least a portion of the container;

an arm coupled to said hood for reciprocal movement with respect to said hood between an extended position when the door of the container is in the closed position and a non-extended position when the door of the container is in the opened position, said arm being engaged to the door of the container and adapted to reciprocate the door of the container between the closed and opened positions; and

a spring coupled to the hood and to the arm for biasing the arm toward the extended position.

73. through 78. Cancelled

79. (Previously presented) A container system comprising:

a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions; and

a carrier receiving said container, said carrier having:

a body portion;

a rotatable hood configured to cover at least a portion of the container when the rotatable hood is in a first position; and

an arm coupled for reciprocal movement with respect to said rotatable hood along an axis of said arm, said arm having a first portion coupled to the rotatable hood with a longitudinal axis substantially parallel to the reciprocal movement and a second portion angled with respect to the first portion and engaging a surface of the door when the rotatable hood is in the first position.

80. through 83. Cancelled

84. (Previously presented) A container system comprising:

 a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions; and

 a carrier holding said container, said carrier having:

 a body portion at least partially defining a cavity receiving the removable container;

 a hood coupled to the body portion and rotatable to a first position and a second position, said hood covering at least a portion of the container, thereby inhibiting removal of the container when the hood is in the first position and allowing removal of the container when the hood is in the second position; and

 a keyed lock for locking said hood in said first position with respect to said body portion.

85. through 101. Cancelled

102. (Previously presented) A container system comprising:

 a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions; and

 a carrier holding said container, said carrier having:

 a body portion receiving the container, said body portion being formed from rotationally-molded plastic;

 a hood coupled to the body portion and extending over at least a portion of the container; and

 an arm coupled for reciprocal movement with respect to said hood, said arm engaging the door of the container, and said reciprocal movement of said arm reciprocating the door of the container between the opened and closed positions.

103. through 105. Cancelled